

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 2, after line 4, please include the following Summary paragraphs:

SUMMARY

In one aspect, the invention features a method for communicating a gaming machine's past payouts to a player. The method includes tracking gaming machine payout data, storing a record of the payout data in memory accessible by the gaming machine, and communicating to the player a report derived from the record.

In another aspect, the invention features a system for displaying a gaming machine's historical payout data. The system includes a gaming machine, memory for storing a record of machine payouts, and a report generator coupled to the memory configured to communicate payout data to a player.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 5, line 21 to page 6, line 8, with the following amended paragraphs:

One such gaming network is illustrated in FIGs. 2A and 2B. In a gaming network 5, a number of EGMs 10 are organized in groups called banks. Individual banks 20, ~~22 and 24~~, can contain almost any number of EGMs 10. Additionally, any number of banks is possible in a gaming network 5. The gaming network 5 illustrated in FIGs 2A and 2B is only an example gaming network. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that embodiments of the invention can operate on any acceptable network, even if it differs from the one illustrated.

Each bank is controlled by a bank controller 30, which is coupled to each EGM 10 by a communication cable 12. The bank controller 30 facilitates data communication between the EGMs 10 in its associated bank and the other components on the gaming network 5. In some embodiments, the bank controller 30 need not be present, and the EGMs 10 communicate directly with the other portions of the gaming network 5. The bank controller 30 can include audio capabilities, like an audio board or sound card for transmitting digitized sound effects, such as music and the like, to a sound system 34 coupled to the bank controller. Additionally, the bank controller 30 or sound system 34 may include a device for playing locally stored sounds, such as a hard-drive, CD or DVD-ROM drive. The bank controller 30 can also be connected to an electronic sign or screen 32 that displays information, such as scrolling, flashing, or other

types of messages that indicate jackpot amounts and the like, which are visible to players of machines on a particular bank. These message displays 32, 34 may be generated or changed responsive to commands issued over the network 5 to the bank controller 30. The sounds and images created by the bank controller may be identical for each of the banks 20, ~~22, 24~~, or all of sounds and images created by the banks may be different than the others.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 15-21, with the following amended paragraph:

A flow 400 begins at process 410 when an EGM 10, which can, although need not, be coupled to the gaming network 5, allows play ~~at a process 420~~. The promotion server 68 creates a record of payouts at a process ~~430~~ 420. The promotion server, at a process ~~440~~ 430, begins tracking play on the particular gaming device and stores the tracked play in the record corresponding to the particular gaming device. The order of play, creating a record and tracking payout data is irrelevant. One order has been chosen and demonstrated for purposes of FIG. 4 although other orders are contemplated and within the scope of the invention.